

TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

AMENDED 10/23/13

Date: October 7, 2013
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Donovan.

The Board recognized Dawn Tuomala and Gary Zirpolo who were on the agenda to discuss the Ambulance Department Capital Improvement Plan. Dawn said that the Town of Temple has requested an updated CIP. They have a CIP committee and would like Gary and Dawn to review it with them. Dawn reviewed the plan with the Board and verified the current percentages. Chairman Donovan updated Rick with the history of the participating Ambulance towns and how the billing formula is based on a percentage of the total population. This percentage was reviewed recently. This triggered a conversation from Selectman Swanson regarding the percentages used to calculate the appropriation for Goss Park. Gary informed the Board that he will not be able to have a service agreement on the cardiac monitors after 2016. He is planning on replacing them in 2022 and hoping that nothing major happens.

Dawn brought up the topic of Planning Board impact fees. She told the Board that this is the last year that the contract with Bruce Mayberry can be extended. She discussed the project with Mr. Mayberry. Dawn needed some additional information from the Selectmen's Office to complete her paperwork. Selectman Swanson

asked a question about impact fees and Dawn explained how it works.

Next Chairman Donovan spoke about the protocol for an ambulance call that is cancelled. It happened today and he wanted to be sure that there is a catchall in the protocol to cover all situations, stating that the Ambulance should continue to the scene if there is reason to believe that it is still needed. Gary Zirpolo gave examples of which emergency officials would most likely be at certain emergency situations anyway.

Eric Sandberg from LighTec attended the meeting to discuss a lighting proposal for the Town Hall. He explained how updated lighting can increase productivity and improve comfort level. The proposal to update the Town Hall building is \$4,925.26. There was further discussion including what type of bulbs would be used. When asked about LED lights, Eric said he would supply a quote for that type of lighting. The budget season and deadline were discussed. Mr. Sandberg will supply some additional information and the Board will get back to him by mid November.

Pat Condon was next on the agenda but was unable to attend.

Linda Goinsalvos of Pead Hill Road attended the meeting to discuss protection of her property. She gave the history of her property since the 2007 Mother's Day flood. She showed the Board pictures of her yard after the flood; her septic system was destroyed and her yard was washed out. She spoke about the changes in the landscape since the development on Pead Hill and stated that the new culverts that were put in are blocked. Chairman Donovan stated that the Board would ask Director of Public Works Steve Elliott to take a look at the situation. Mrs. Goinsalvos also talked about large pine trees across the street from her house and a manhole cover on Dale Street that freezes in the winter and is dangerous. The Selectmen will look into these issues and get back to Mrs. Goinsalvos.

The meeting minutes were approved.
This week's manifests were signed.
Payroll for period ending 9/28/13 was signed.
One (1) Hardship letter was signed.

The meeting was moved to the Court Room to accommodate the increased number of attendees. Chairman Donovan introduced the Selectmen to the attendees and recognized Sandy Fischer being next on the agenda to discuss issues regarding the Café at the Four Corners Farm on Isaac Frye Highway. Dan explained that complaints had been registered regarding the site plan violation at the Café and traffic volume and parking. Building Inspector John Shepardson had been asked by the Selectmen to follow up with Lincoln Geiger. Jim Fischer of Abbot Hill Road spoke first stating that there were no issues with the 2010 Special Exception granted by the ZBA for the farm to start a small venture with a café. He stated that they have moved beyond the conditions of approval including a potential music venue with wine and beer being carried in. He said that it seems to be moving toward a community restaurant. The site plan noted that there would not be an impact on traffic but there has been. Chairman Donovan asked for any additional comments from the audience and several people spoke, including Laura Tyers Gottstein of Abbot Hill, who noted that the Café is a commercial venture in a Residential Agricultural zone. Plus, it is an expanding commercial venture bringing increased traffic and concerts. Chairman Donovan told about a photo he had seen of a tour bus that parked on Abbot Hill Road and the group was gathered at the farm. He spoke of the concert where there were 98 cars parked at the farm. Edwina Hastings of Peirce Lane noticed that the Café was closed for expansion and she asked what the expansion entailed.

Lincoln Geiger (representing the Hilltop Café and the Four Corners Farm) spoke next. He stated that the kitchen was being expanded to get food out quicker, it was not expanded seating. He meets tomorrow with NRPC and will most likely be on the November Planning Board

agenda. He agrees with the traffic problem and admitted that he struggles with it himself. He said the concert was a test run and when asked by Chairman Donovan if there would be any more, Lincoln said no. He will propose more parking behind the building instead of amongst all the equipment as it is now. He stated that the bus is a once a year event that has been going on for years.

Chairman Donovan talked about the farm co-op that is operating stating that it is permitted in the Res-Ag zone. He stated that he has concerns about the Restaurant expansion and entertainment activities. Selectman Condra stated that he looks forward to Lincoln's appearance before the Planning Board and he asked that the Farm operate as the approved site plan allowed and defer extra activity until the Planning Board approves.

Selectman Swanson complimented Lincoln on their venture and he feels it would be reasonable for the Planning Board to allow for expansion. He lives in the neighborhood, enjoys the farm and wants them to succeed. He said if the zoning is outdated then he hopes it will be revisited.

There were further comments from audience members and further discussion from the Selectmen and Lincoln Geiger. In the end, the group was urged to watch the Planning Board site for details on this case. Dan thanked the group and Lincoln and said that he hopes the issues can be resolved.

There was a discussion regarding the use of the Town Hall Theatre as an emergency facility.

Selectman Swanson updated the Board on his discussion with Jane Farrell regarding the Elderly Exemption. Any changes would need to be approved at Town Meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 P.M. by Chairman

Donovan, seconded by Selectman Swanson, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary